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# Training Safe Drivers



# The California Highway Patrol

- The CHP is a statewide public safety agency
- CHP's motivation is the reduction of CMV involved collisions
- CHP funded by vehicle registration fees-  
**NOT FROM CITATIONS!**



# Fact

- CHP annually weighs over 6,606,370 trucks on our weigh stations located throughout the state.



# Fact

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- **CHP conducts over 523,831 CMV inspections annually (of which only 188,641 resulted in enforcement documents being issued)**
- **In 2013, there were 444,787 CMV equipment violations.**



# Training Safe Drivers

On the road, there are really only two reasons the drivers of your trucks get in trouble:

- Their driving behavior
- The vehicle equipment



# What's the big deal?

- Violations of vehicle equipment LAWS are not simply “ **minor annoyances**” for the company to address during routine maintenance.
- Violations discovered on a vehicle indicate it is “**unlawfully equipped**” and violations were found while operating on public roads.



# California Top 5 Equipment Violations

- Brakes
- Tires
- Loading
- Overweight
- Lighting







# Pre-Trip

- Most violations that we find during an inspection could have been found during the pre-trip inspection
- Pre-trip inspection should take as long as WHAT?



# Pre-Trip

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- Citations can be issued to:
  - Carrier
  - Driver
  - Both



# Moving Violations



# Moving Violations

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## 1. Speed



# Moving Violations

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1. Speed

2. Out of lane





# Out Of Lane



# Out Of Lane

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# Out Of Lane

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# Proper Lane





# Moving Violations



1. Speed

2. Out of lane

3. Following too closely



# Following Too Closely





# Following Too Closely

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# Moving Violations

## 1. Speed



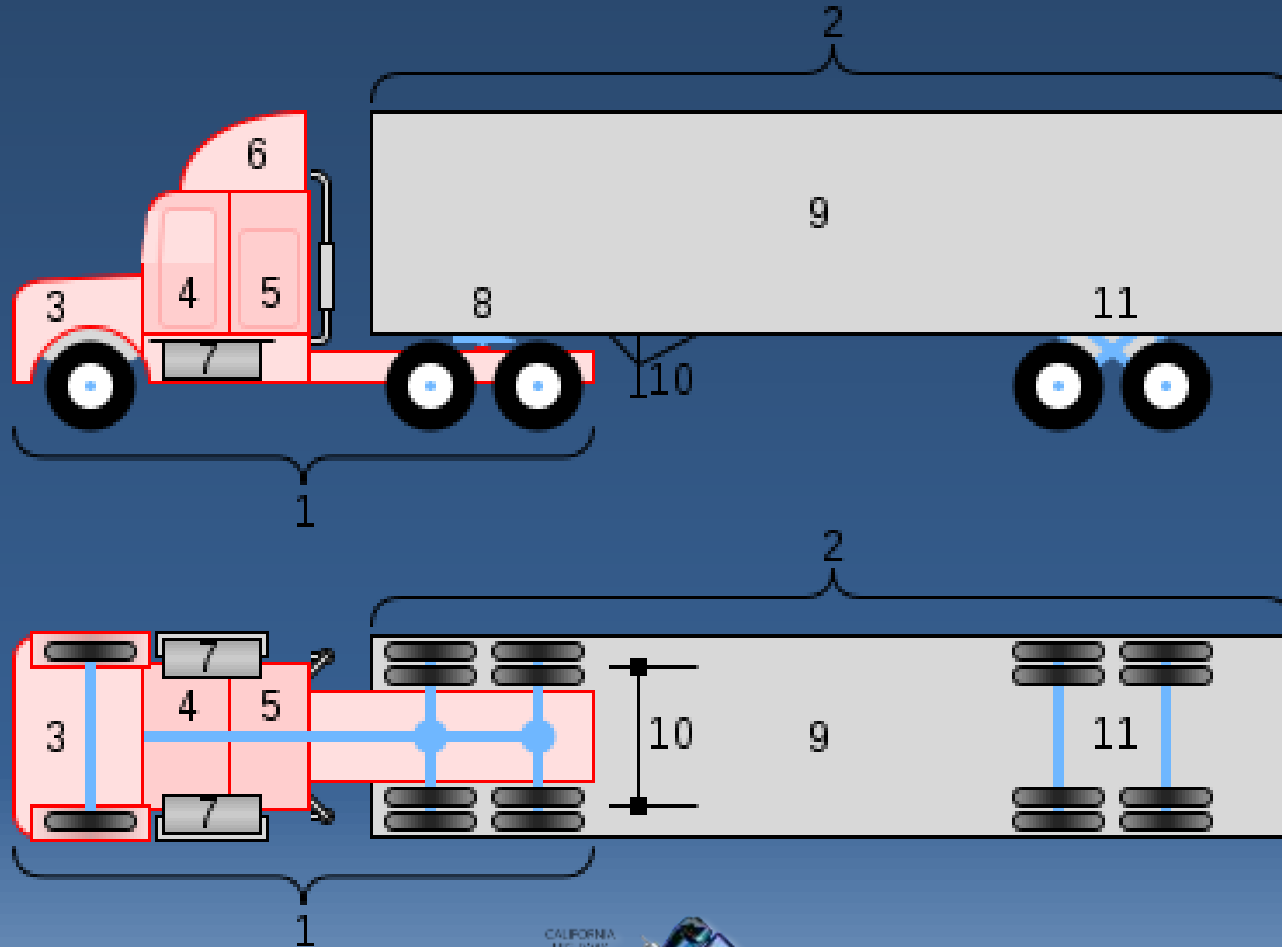
## 2. Out of lane



## 3. Following too closely



# Overweight





# Other Considerations

## Driver credentials:

driver licenses

medical qualifications

endorsements

restrictions



# Other Considerations

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## Vehicle documents:

registration

motor carrier permit

registration tabs

declared gross weight decals



# Driver Licenses

Class C commercial:

Hazmat endorsement (when placards required)



# Driver Licenses

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- **Class C driver license towing limits.**
  - single vehicle 10,000 pounds or less.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> wheel travel trailer less than 15,000 pounds.
    - Towing vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or more.
    - Not for hire.
    - Not for compensation.
    - With endorsement.



# Driver Licenses

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- Beginning January 1, 2014:

## Class C Commercial DL.



# Driver Licenses

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## Commercial Vehicles – 15210 (b)(1) CVC:

Any vehicle requiring an endorsement per 15278 CVC, but must be under 26,000 pounds (actual weight or GVWR).



# Driver Licenses

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- A bus (w/passenger endorsement) under 26,000 pounds as determined by either manufacturer's GVWR or actual gross weight.



# Driver Licenses

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*Tank (as defined in Federal Guidelines)*





# Driver Licenses

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## Class C endorsements continued:

- Schoolbus
- Hazmat (placards reqd)

Doubles endorsement will not be available on Class C



# Driver Licenses

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- **Problem:**
  - DMV not yet issuing Class C DLs with endorsement except HM.
  - Unknown when available.
  - Until then, drivers will still need a Class A or B to have required endorsements.



# Driver Licenses

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- Prior to January 1, 2014:

## Class B – Section 12804.9(b)(2) CVC:

- single vehicle with a manufacturer's GVWR over 26,000 pounds.
- Three-axle vehicles weighing over 6,000 pounds.
- Any bus.
- Farm Labor Vehicle.
- Housecar over 40 feet in length.



# Driver Licenses

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- Beginning January 1, 2014:

## Class B – Section 12804.9(b)(2) CVC:

- Any single vehicle with a manufacturer's GVWR or Actual weight over 26,000 pounds.
- A bus with a manufacturer's GVWR or actual weight over 26,000 pounds.



# Driver Licenses

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## Example # 1:

- A two axle truck with manufacturer's GVWR 25,995 pounds.
  - On CHP scale weighs 26,000 pounds or less: Class C
  - Loaded weighs over 26,000 pounds: Class B



# Driver Licenses

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## Example # 2

- Two axle dump truck with missing Data Plate or label:
  - On CHP scale weighs over 26,000 pounds.

**Class B required**



# Driver Licenses

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- Prior to January 1, 2014:

## Class A-12804.9(b)(1) CVC:

- Any combination of vehicles where the towed vehicle has a manufacturer's GVWR over 10,000 pounds.



# Driver Licenses

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- Beginning January 1, 2014:

## Class A-12804.9(b)(1) CVC:

- Any combination of vehicles where the towed vehicle has a manufacturer's GVWR or actual weight over 10,000 pounds.





# Driver Licenses

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## Example # 3:

- A vehicle towing a trailer with manufacturer's GVWR 10,000 or less.

But....

- Loaded weighs over 10,000 pounds: Class A



# Driver Licenses

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## Example # 4:

- Trailer with missing Data Plate or label:
  - On CHP scale weighs over 10,000 pounds.

**Class A required**



# Training Safe Drivers

- What can you do:
- Make it important to you so that drivers will make it important to them
- Provide a reasonable amount of time for pre-trip inspection



# Training Safe Drivers

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- What can you do:
- Provide incentives for safe driving and clean inspections
- Encourage drivers to volunteer for an inspection



# Training Safe Drivers

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- What can you do:
- Invite the Highway Patrol to your safety meetings and driver safety days
- Conduct truck roadeos and other skill building events



# Training Safe Drivers

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- What can you do:
- Owners and managers should really get out of the office and ride along with a driver on a run.





# COMMERCIAL INDUSTRY EDUCATION PROGRAM

California Highway Patrol



# Commercial Industry Education Program

- What is the Commercial Industry Education Program (CIEP)?
  - Service to the commercial trucking industry.
  - Educate and inform.
  - Instructors are liaisons to industry.
  - CIEP is available statewide.





# Commercial Industry Education Program

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## Driver Safety

- Sharing the Road
- Deadly Distractions
- Driving Dangers
- Traffic Safety Tips



## CIEP Liaison, Locations and Phone Numbers

**5 SOUTHERN DIVISION**  
Los Angeles, CA  
(323) 644-9557

**6 BORDER DIVISION**  
San Diego, CA  
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**7 COASTAL DIVISION**  
San Luis Obispo, CA  
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**8 INLAND DIVISION**  
San Bernardino, CA  
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Sacramento, CA  
(916) 843-3400

**1 NORTHERN DIVISION**  
Redding, CA  
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**2 VALLEY DIVISION**  
Sacramento, CA  
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**3 GOLDEN GATE DIVISION**  
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**4 CENTRAL DIVISION**  
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# Questions???



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